

ED Transfer Communication Measures

Category	Range of scale
Pre-Transfer Communication Information	0-2
Nurse communication with receiving hospital	
Physician communication with receiving physician	
Patient Identification	0-6
Name	
Address	
Age	
Gender	
Significant others contact information	
Insurance	
Vital Signs	0-6
Pulse	
Respiratory Rate	
Blood Pressure	
Oxygen Saturation	
Temperature	
Glasgow score (trauma or neuro patients)	
Medication-related Information	0-3
Medications Given	
Allergies	
Medications from home	
Practitioner generated information (History and Physical)	0-2
Physical exam, history of current event, chronic conditions	
Physician orders and plan	
Nurse generated information	0-6
Nurse documentation includes:	
Assessment/interventions/response	
Impairments	
Catheters	
Immobilizations	
Respiratory support	
Oral limitations	
Procedures and tests	0-2
Tests and procedures done	
Tests and procedure results sent	

Hospital results can be calculated using different methods:

- Calculate the 7 categories using an all-or-none approach which is simpler to report and provides a single score.
- Calculate a score on all 27 sub-categories for a “credit given when earned” approach. This approach helps define opportunities for improvement and inform strategies

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